UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 1/30/69

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On Monday, 1/20/69, Mr. DON WOODS, Aeromarine Supply Company, Birmingham, Ala., was contacted by SA NEIL P. SHANAHAN in connection with another matter. During this contact, WOODS advised that on the Saturday before Christmas, 12/21/68, at about 5:30 p.m., WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE entered Aeromarine and asked to speak with him concerning information relative to JAMES EARL RAY. WOODS stated that he told HUIE he did not care to discuss anything concerning this case with him, as he intended to testify as a witness in the trial of JAMES EARL RAY. HUIE then stated that he wished to purchase a Model 760 Remington, Caliber 30.06 Rifle, identical to the one allegedly purchased by RAY. He requested that the same type scope be mounted on this rifle as was mounted on the rifle previously purchased by RAY. WOODS sold HUIE this gun and scope; and while mounting the scope, he was further questioned by HUIE concerning the method of mounting and bore sighting this scope. WOODS advised that he answered HUIE's questions to a degree but did not reveal any information concerning his previous transactions with JAMES EARL RAY. HUIE also requested WOODS to furnish him with a Browning rifle box similar to the one carried by RAY, but WOODS did not furnish him one. HUIE offered to buy such a box, and WOODS stated he would have sold it to him if he had one but did not have one of that type. He did furnish HUIE with a Browning box designed for a Browning shotgun but much shorter in length than a Browning rifle box.

During this conversation, HUIE advised WOODS that his purpose was to take this rifle with scope attached and box to Memphis, Tenn., where he could re-enact the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The above is submitted to Memphis for whatever action deemed appropriate.

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